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SUBJECT: JUMBE MEETS MZEE WITH MESSAGE FROM MWALIMU

1. DAILY NEWS OF FEBRUARY 28 CARRIED PAGE-ONE STORY OF FIRST VP JUMBE TRAVELING TO KENYA ON FEBRUARY 27 TO DELIVER MESSAGE OF "GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS" FROM NYERERE TO PRESIDENT KENYATTA AT HIS HOME IN NAKURU. JUMBE, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF FINANCE MSUYA, MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS TANDAU AND MINISTER OF STATE MOYO, WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY KENYAN VP MOI. ACCORDING TO NEWS STORY "NO DETAILS OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS WERE IMMEDIATELY KNOWN BUT SOURCES CLOSE TO STATE HOUSE SAID THE TWO SIDES DISCUSSED MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST." ONLY PUBLIC HINT OF PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TANDAU TELLING PRESS THAT MESSAGE "CONTAINED MATTERS THAT AFFECT THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELDS OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING." TANDAU ALSO NOTED THAT KENYATTA "EXPRESSED DEISRE TO VISIT TANZANIA WHEN PROPER ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE."

2. COMMENT: CONTENTS OF NYERERE MESSAGE VERY CLOSELY
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HELD, BUT INCLUSION OF MSUYA AND TANDAU IN DELEGATION,

AS WELL OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, SUGGEST TRCQ
DESIGNED TO IMPROVE EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC) FINANCES.
COMMUNITY PARTNERS HAVE BEEN AT LOGGERHEADS SINCE LAST FALL
IN ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE FINANCIAL AND DEBT REPAYMENT
PROBLEMS OF FOUR EAC CORPORATIONS. SENIOR MINWSN OFFIC AL
TOLD EMBOFF MONTH AGO THAT SITUATION BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT
AS FOREIGN EXCHANGE PROBLEMS OF EACH EAC MEMBER STATE WORSENS.
RECENTLY, WORKING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED
BY EAC SECRETARY GENERAL MTEI AND INCLUDING CENTRAL BANK
GOVERNORS AND MINFIN PRINCIPAL SECRETARIES OF THE THREE EAC
MEMBERS WAS FORMED TO HAMMER OUT FORMULA TO RESOLVE PROBLEM.
ONLY RESULT OF FIRST MEETING, HELD IN MOMBASA BEGINNING
OF FEBRUARY, WAS TO AGREE TO MEET IN ARUSHA END OF LAST WEEK.
WHILE WE HAVE NOT HEARD RESULTS OF THAT MEETING, WE GATHER
IT WAS NOT A SUCCESS. JUDGING BY ATMOSPHERE TO BE FOUND IN
MINFIN AFTER JUMBE'S NAKURU VISIT WE CAN ONLY JUDGE MATTERS
DID NOT HAVE VERY FAR FORWARD. MINFIN PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
MALIMA TOLD ZYBOFF LATER THAT WORKING COMMITTEE REPORT ON
RECOMMENDATIONS, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY
MARCH 15, WILL BE DELAYED. MALIMA CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, THAT
PROBLEMS OF COMMUNITY ARE NOT SO DIFFICULT THAT
THEY CANNOT BE RESOLVED.
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